Amendments to the Specification:

On page 1, please amend title as follows:

USE OF REDISPERSION POWDER COMPOSITIONS WITH ACCELERATED-SETTING ACTION

On page 1, after the title, insert the following new paragraph:

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims priority to PCT Appln. No. PCT/US2004/002210 filed March 4, 2004, and to German application 103 17 882.1 filed April 17, 2003.

At page 1, line 2, please add the following heading and subheading as shown below:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

1. Field of the Invention

At page 1, line 3, please amend the paragraph as shown below:

The invention relates to the use of water-redispersible polymer powder compositions with accelerated-setting action, ~~to a process for their preparation, and to the use of these powders~~ in hydraulically setting systems.

At page 1, line 7, please add the following subheading as shown below:

2. Description of the Related Art

At page 2, line 15, please add the following heading as shown below:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

At page 2, line 21, please amend the following paragraph as shown below:

The invention provides the use of water-redispersible polymer powder compositions with accelerated-setting action based on a) homo- or copolymers of one or more monomers from the group consisting of vinyl esters of unbranched or branched alkylcarboxylic acids having from 1 to 15 carbon atoms, methacrylic esters and acrylic esters of alcohols having from 1 to 15 carbon atoms, vinylaromatics, olefins, dienes, and vinyl halides, on one or more protective colloids, and, where appropriate, antiblocking agent, to accelerate the setting construction chemistry products with hydraulically setting binders, characterized in that b) one or more compounds from the group consisting of alkali metal salts and alkaline earth metal salts of inorganic or organic acids are present.

At page 2, line 32, please add the following heading as shown below:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PREFERRED EMBODIMENT

At page 8, line 1, please amend the following paragraph as shown below:

Preference is given to partially hydrolyzed or fully hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohols whose degree of hydrolysis is from 80 to 100 mol%, in particular partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohols whose degree of hydrolysis is from 80 to 95 mol% and whose Höppler viscosity in 4% aqueous solution is from 1 to 30 mPas (Höppler method at 20°C, DIN 53015). Preference is also given to partially hydrolyzed, hydrophobicized polyvinyl alcohols whose degree of hydrolysis is from 80 to 95 mol% and whose Höppler viscosity in 4% strength aqueous solution is from 1 to 30 mPas. Examples of these are partially hydrolyzed copolymers of vinyl acetate with hydrophobic monomers, such as isopropenyl acetate, vinyl pivalate, vinyl ethylhexanoate, vinyl esters of saturated alpha-branched monocarboxylic acids having 5 or

from 9 to 11 carbon atoms, dialkyl maleates, and dialkyl fumarates, e.g. diisopropyl maleate and diisopropyl fumarate, vinyl chloride, vinyl alkyl ethers, such as vinyl butyl ether, olefins, such as ethene and decene. The proportion of the hydrophobic units is preferably from 0.1 to 10% by weight, based on the total weight of the partially hydrolyzed polyvinyl alcohols. Mixtures of the polyvinyl alcohols mentioned may also be used.

At page 11, line 29, please amend the paragraph as shown below:

The invention use gives additives which effectively accelerate cement setting, without any reduction in the mechanical strength of the finished mortar. The user moreover has the advantage of one fewer component requiring handling at the construction site when the mortar is modified with redispersion powder.